RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA CORPORATE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM'S *STEP UP FOR STUDENTS* STATEWIDE INITIATIVE CREATED BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah support the Florida Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program's *Step Up For Students* initiative, to improve the education of Florida low-income students and Florida education in general through school choice; and

WHEREAS, only 60% of all Florida public school students graduate, and less than half of African American and Hispanic students graduate; and

WHEREAS, many students who do graduate are not adequately prepared to join an educated workforce; and
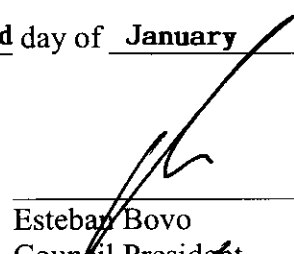
WHEREAS, *Step Up For Students* is a statewide initiative of the Florida Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program, which offers more educational opportunities to low-income families by providing students with educational scholarships so they can attend a public or private school of their choice that best suits their learning needs and abilities and, at the same time, seeks to improve all education by forcing public schools to improve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1.   The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2.   The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida

support the Florida Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program's *Step Up For Students*

statewide initiative.
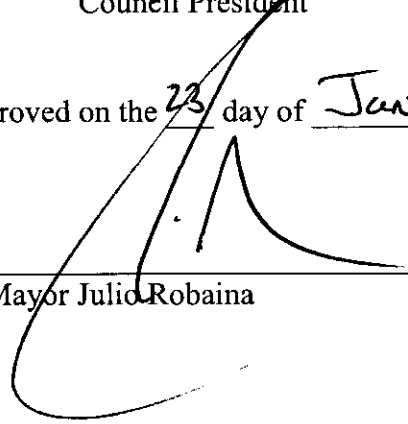

PASSED AND ADOPTED this **22nd** day of __January__ , 2008.

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Esteban Bovo
Council President

Attest: Approved on the 23 day of __January__ , 2008.

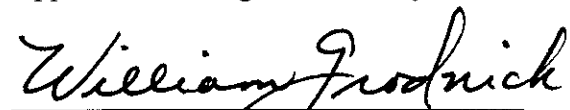_____   _____
Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk   Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

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William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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